New Haven Democracy Fund

"To ensure that all the citizens of New Haven have a fair and meaningful opportunity to participate in the election of mayor."
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DEMOCRACY FUND BOARD MEETING

6:15 PM, Wednesday, March 21, 2018

New Haven City Hall – 165 Church Street

Second Floor, Mayor's Meeting Room #2

New Haven Democracy Fund Board:

Sergio Rodriguez, Chair

William Wynn

Jack Paulishen

James O'Connell

(Three Seats Vacant)

Democracy Fund Administrator: Alyson Heimer

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order & Attendance

2. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings (January 17).

3. Treasurer's Report

4. Administrator's Report

  A) CPI/Inflation-based adjustments to NHDF qualifying amounts

  B) Legislative Update

5. Report from the Chair

6. Public Comment

7. New Business

Sec 2 – 831 of the New Haven Democracy Fund Ordinance (ordinance) charges the Democracy Fund Board (The Board) with examining and adjusting amounts of the qualifying donation limits, grant, and matching funds to be consistent with inflation before every other election cycle. The last time this was done was in March 2015 ahead of the 2015 cycle. The Board will again examine the amounts for matching funds, qualified contributions, and grant amounts based on the inflation rate between March 2015 and March 2018. These adjustments would impact the 2019 cycle.

Current Amounts:

Grant: $19,000

Minimum Contribution: $10

Maximum contribution: $370

Maximum matching donation: $30

Adjusted Amounts(to be examined and voted upon):

Grant: $20,000

Minimum Contribution: $10

Maximum contribution: $390

Maximum matching donation: $30

Pursuant to the Democracy Fund Ordinance, Grant amounts will be rounded to the nearest thousand ($1,000), all other amounts will be rounded to the nearest multiple of $5.00.

All CPI Inflation numbers are based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics inflation schedule found here:

https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/CUUR0000SA0L1E?output_view=pct_12mths